

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

Chairman Thomas stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The first public hearing concerned a resolution authorizing the expenditure of Title III funds for FY 04-05. Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing. Fire Marshall Dan Evatt spoke on the issue. He requested funding from the Title III funds for the construction of a training site for a Fire Wise Program. He presented information to the Council regarding this program, and emphasized the need for such a program. He then read from the Public Law how this money could be used. Mr. Carol Culbertson-Clemson Extension-then spoke stating that his organization is requesting funding for the same programs they provided last fiscal year. Finally Mr. John LeRoy—Soil and Water Conservation—spoke and also stated that the funding was requested for the same programs funded in the previous fiscal year. There being no further comments Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

The second public hearing was on an ordinance to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating a \$49,000 appropriation from prior year revenue and the expenditure thereof for the Abbeville County Fire Commission. Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing. There were no comments, so Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

The final public hearing was on an ordinance adopting and establishing Land Development Regulations for Abbeville County, South Carolina. Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing. There were no comments, so Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

## **ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 2004 MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Thomas, Vice-Chairman Brown, Councilman Forrester, Councilman Gunnells, and Councilman Norris.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Walker

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Norris gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Thomas welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Councilman Forrester made a motion to add the November 19, 2004, special Council meeting minutes to the agenda. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilman Norris made a motion to add Judy Scott—Abbeville County Treasurer—to the agenda under presentations. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilman Gunnells then made a motion to add a rezoning request located off Stevenson Road from General Residential (GR) to Forest/Agriculture (FA) to the agenda as item VII (h). Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2004, regular council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2004, special meeting. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0-2 with Councilmen Gunnells and Forrester abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

County Treasurer—Judy Scott—gave County Council an update on the state of her part in the FY 03-04 audit. She informed Council that her information is now complete, and that she would turn the diskette over to the Finance Department the following day. Chairman Thomas and Council thanked Ms. Scott for her cooperation and efforts in the completion of this audit.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. The first item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Text to add Section 726 entitled Day Care and Child Care Facilities. Councilman Norris made a motion to remove this issue from the table. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brown. The motion carried 5-0-0. Councilman Forrester then made a motion to approve second reading of the ordinance. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- b. The second item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating a \$49,000 appropriation from prior year revenue and the expenditure thereof for the Abbeville County Fire Commission. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- c. The third item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance adopting and establishing Land Development Regulations for Abbeville County, South Carolina. A motion was made by Councilman Norris to approve second reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brown. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- d. The fourth item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend Section 509 of the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance in order to clarify filing fees. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- e. The fifth item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance by Abbeville County to rezone a 69.22 acre tract of land located off Old Abbeville Highway. The property is identified by tax map number 110-00-00-090, and is currently zoned Forest/Agriculture. The request is to rezone to Basic Industrial (BI). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. The first item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Treasurer to transfer \$389.00 from the Sheriff's Grant Expenditure line item to the Sheriff's Grant Bank account at First Citizens Bank. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- b. The second item on the agenda was a resolution providing for the expenditure of Title III funds for FY 04-05. Councilman Norris made a motion to table

this request. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- c. The third item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Director to execute a contract with Drager Safety Systems, Ltd., for the purchase of a training simulator at a cost not to exceed \$8,262.00. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- d. The fourth item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Director to execute a contract with Mobile Concepts by Scott, Inc., for the purchase of a Fire Safety House at a cost not to exceed \$59,850.00. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- e. The fifth item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit in an amount not to exceed \$151,444.73 for five 2005 Ford Crown Victorias and a 2005 Ford Expedition for three years with an annual payment of \$52,079.72. A motion was made by Councilman Norris to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 5-0-0.
- f. The sixth item on the agenda was first reading of an ordinance to rezone a tract of land located off Stevenson Road from General Residential (GR) to Forest/Agriculture (FA). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve first reading. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Chairman Thomas then recognized Ms. Brenda Anderson for her dedicated service to Abbeville County for a twenty-eight (28) year period. He read a resolution passed at a previous meeting into the record. Ms. Anderson then spoke very briefly.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The County Director informed Council and the public about the official holidays that will be observed by County Offices. They are November 25-26, 2004, for Thanksgiving, December 24, 2004 and December 27, 2004, for Christmas and December 31, 2004, for New Years.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Larry Walker. No report provided
- b. Personnel and Administration—Ray Gunnells, Scott Brown and Claude Thomas. No report provided
- c. Public Works—Larry Walker, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. No report provided
- d. Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Claude Thomas and John Calhoun. Councilman Norris as Chairman of this committee recommended four appointments to the Development Board. They

are Ms. Brownette, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Bruton and Mr. Donaldson. Since it is a committee recommendation no second is needed. The recommendation carried 5-0-0. Councilman Norris then, as Chairman of the Committee, recommends Mr. George Guy to the EMS Commission. Since this is a committee recommendation no second is needed. The recommendation carried 5-0-0.

- e. Planning and Industrial Development—Scott Brown, John Calhoun and Larry Walker. No report provided.
- f. Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. No report was given.
- g. Public Safety—David Forrester, Scott Brown and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Contractual or legal matters. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. The motion carried 5-0-0.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Brown reconvened the meeting following executive session. A motion was made by Councilman Norris to direct the County Director to offer the Clerk to Council's position to the number one candidate. If not accepted by the number one candidate to offer it to the number two candidate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 3-0-1 with Councilman Forrester abstaining.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Forrester made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.